

the Ames Tribune and to the Ames community. It is an honor to serve as his representative, and I wish Verle and his wife Jo a happy and healthy retirement.

CONGRATULATING MAJ. GEN.  
(RET.) CHARLES METCALF

**HON. STEVE AUSTRIA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 1, 2010*

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to join the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in congratulating Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Charles Metcalf upon his retirement as director of the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

Prior to his service as director, he served in the U.S. Air Force for nearly 36 years on active duty in a variety of financial management and planning positions, retiring in 1991 in the grade of major general. His awards and honors include the Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Defense Superior Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit.

Following his retirement from active duty, General Metcalf began his service as head administrator for the museum in 1996 and in 2005 he was appointed to the Senior Executive Service.

For the last 14 years he has managed the world's largest and oldest military aviation museum. The internationally acclaimed museum is located on the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio and portrays the heritage and traditions of the Air Force through specialized exhibits.

Under General Metcalf's management, the museum had flourished. In 2003, the museum began a long-term, multi-phased expansion with the building of the Eugene W. Kettering Cold War Gallery and the Missile Gallery, as well as the renovations to the Korean War exhibit. With these new additions, the museum provides more than 17 acres of indoor exhibition space. Future plans call for a Space Gallery, a Presidential Aircraft Interpretive Center, and a Global Reach Gallery.

During his tenure, General Metcalf increased museum attendance from 800,000 to nearly 1.4 million visitors and achieved the highest national recognition for a museum, the American Association of Museums accreditation in 1998 and reaccreditation in 2008.

General Metcalf also led the charge in changing the name of the museum, which was previously known as the United States Air Force Museum. The change reinforces the museum's national mission and its world-class collection, placing it at a level with the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC, the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola, Florida, and the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

General Metcalf has been dedicated to supporting the motto of the museum, "we are the keepers of their stories." He will forever be remembered for his advocacy for preserving our heritage to honor our veterans, many who gave their lives to protect our freedoms. The work he has done will stand as a lasting monument to the memory of those who have gone before, as well as his dedication to the exploration of our nation's history.

In addition to his duties as director, he provides technical and professional guidance to

the U.S. Air Force Heritage Program which includes 12 Air Force field museums and 260 domestic and international heritage sites.

He also was very active outside of his work at the museum and currently serves as the vice president of the Central Region for Boy Scouts of America, as well as on the organization's Leadership and Standards Committee. He is a former member of the Oakwood, Ohio City Council, and previously served on the Board of Directors for the Greater Dayton United Way, Ohio; the Board of Trustees for the County Corp Development, Dayton, Ohio; the Board of Directors for Greater Dayton Public Television, Ohio; and the National Alumni Board, Michigan State University.

Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me and the constituents of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in congratulating General Charles Metcalf for his outstanding service to our nation and the State of Ohio. His work today has ensured that the museum will see many future successes and our nation's history will be preserved for generations to come.

HONORING RICHARD JOHN PASTOR

**HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 1, 2010*

Mr. MCCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the extraordinary life of Richard John Pastor and mourn him upon his passing at the age of 79.

Born on June 22, 1931, Richard Pastor dedicated his life to serving his community and his country. After honorably serving his country as a member of the United States Army, Richard came home to proudly become the second generation owner of his family's three generation Michigan based construction business, George H. Pastor and Sons.

Regrettably, on November 27, 2010, Richard Pastor passed from this earthly world to his eternal reward. He is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Carol and his children, Craig, Mahala, John, Tim, and Sharon. Preceding him in death was his son Keith. Richard leaves a legacy of 12 grandchildren and was a devoted brother to Jean and Robert. A courageous and honorable man, Richard will be sorely missed.

Madam Speaker, Richard Pastor is remembered as a compassionate father, a dedicated husband, honorable soldier, caring business owner, involved leader, and a true friend. Richard was a man who deeply treasured his family, friends, community and his country. Today, as we bid Richard John Pastor farewell, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning his passing and honoring his unwavering patriotism and legendary service to our country and community.

OPIC CONTRIBUTES TO DEFICIT  
REDUCTION

**HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 1, 2010*

Mr. MANZULLO. Madam Speaker, two weeks ago, the Treasury Department released

the details of the Federal budget deficit for Fiscal Year 2010. While many of the numbers were grim, at least one federal agency—the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, OPIC—reported a net income of nearly \$260 million and contributed a net positive balance to the Federal budget deficit of \$352 million in FY 10. In fact, this represents the 33rd consecutive year that OPIC has made a positive contribution to the Federal budget. These numbers were also confirmed by an independent external auditor, KPMG.

OPIC's earnings are generated through fees charged to users of their financing and insurance programs, as well as interest earned on its growing reserves, which now total about \$5 billion. Because OPIC charges market-based fees for its products, it operates on a self-sustaining basis at no net cost to the taxpayers. This is not counting the tax revenue generated by the more than 274,000 U.S. jobs that OPIC projects have supported over the past 39 years. In FY 10, OPIC-supported projects are estimated to generate \$624 million in U.S. exports and to support nearly 1,000 American jobs. Eighty of the 97 projects supported by OPIC in FY 10 involved U.S. small businesses.

Thus, it would be counterproductive to close down OPIC because that action would actually reduce an incoming revenue stream to the Federal government and exasperate our budget deficit problem. In addition, if OPIC were terminated, many current users of OPIC would simply switch to investment insurance and financing programs of foreign governments, which would result in the shifting of U.S. jobs and tax revenue overseas, because there is no private company that provides long-term political risk insurance. That is why I encourage Congress to pass a multi-year reauthorization bill for OPIC, S. 705/H.R. 5975.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 1, 2010*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 584, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

NATIONAL MESOTHELIOMA  
AWARENESS DAY

SPEECH OF

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 29, 2010*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I introduced House Resolution 771 on September 24, 2009 to recognize the 3,000 Americans diagnosed with Mesothelioma each year and raise awareness about this rare form of cancer. After more than a year of work, a coalition of support came together to mark September 26, 2010 as the first ever "National Mesothelioma Awareness Day." I have to thank 58 of my colleagues—both Democrats and Republicans—who co-sponsored this resolution and all the advocates for their work.

Mesothelioma is an asbestos-linked cancer most often found in a person's chest, lungs, or